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## Celebrate Summer in the City in Downtown LA

With school starting soon, it might feel like summer is coming to a close, but there's actually still six more weeks of our favorite time of year! Downtown LA is embracing the rest of the season with several ongoing outdoor events like live concerts and outdoor movie screenings for families to enjoy. (There's even a giant splash pad for little ones!) Here are our picks for the events you can't miss.

### Street Food Cinema at Exposition Park

Street Food Cinema combines great films, live music, and food trucks, all in the great outdoors. Parking in Exposition Park is \$10, or you can take the Metro. Don't forget blankets to sit on and jackets for after the sun goes down. Before the movie, check out some of our [favorite spots in Exposition Park](#), like the Science Center or the Natural History Museum!

Exposition Park

700 Exposition Park Dr

Activities

Bathrooms

Changing tables

100%

**Runs through:** October 31; [see schedule here](#)

**Cost:** Adults \$12–\$17, children \$6–\$11

### Dance Downtown at The Music Center

The Music Center hosts free, weekly [dance parties](#) all summer long. On alternating Fridays, you can either "bring your own dance moves," or take beginner dance lessons. There's always a band or a DJ playing danceable grooves. Bring a picnic or buy a bite at Pinot Grill—you'll find plenty of tables and chairs for everyone. Parking is \$9 before 8pm and \$5 after 8pm in the parking lot located directly under the plaza.

**Runs through:** August 28

**Cost:** Free

### Grand Park Summer



[Grand Park](#) is home to several amazing summer programs like Lunch à la Park (where you can enjoy lunch from various gourmet food trucks) and Sunday Sessions (live DJs spinning amazing music). There are also food festivals, live concerts and fitness classes. This large park stretches across four city blocks between the Music Center and City Hall, with \$10 flat rate parking for events and weekends in Lot 10 on N. Bring sunblock and towels—there's a giant splash pad for kids to play in!

Grand Park

200 North Grand Avenue

100%

**Runs through:** September 29

**Cost:** Free

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### Grand Performances

This popular LA summer tradition is back for its 29th season at 350 S. Grand. [Grand Performances](#) brings artists and audiences together through music, dance, film, and spoken word. Bring a picnic or grab some food at [Grand Central Market](#) (which is now open until 9pm from Thursday to Saturday). \$8 flat rate parking begins 90 minutes before each show in the California Plaza parking garage.

**Runs through:** September 13

**Cost:** Free

### FIGat7th Downtown Festival

This free [weekly outdoor concert series](#) features performances by leading pop, rock, jazz, soul and alternative artists. Before the show, enjoy the shopping and dining options in the FIGat7th shopping center. Parking is \$5 after 4pm on weekdays, or take the Metro. This series is great for older kids.

**Runs through:** August 28


**Cost:** Free

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